(6) What is the number of families not holding lands?

(7) What is the number of families who cultivate lands in the occupancy of others ?

(8) Is the Government aware of any cry-for land in Lambani community ?

(9) If so, will the Government make arrangements for giving lands to Lambanis ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—54. (1) 23,281 according to the census of 1921.

(2) 22,459 according to the census of 1921.

(3), (4), (5), (6) and (7) Government have no information.

(8) No.

(9) Applications are being dealt with as they are received under standing orders relating to the grant of land to depressed classes.

Supplementary Question and Answer.

Mr. Jatra Naik.—

Can the census of the children of school-going age be taken at least in future ?

Chief Secretary.—

I am afraid it is not possible.

MR. JATRA NAIK (Minority Interest).—

Q.—56. (1) What is the population of school-going Lambani boys and girls ?

(2) How many of them are in different classes ?

(3) What is the number of Lambani boys and girls that are now eligible or may become eligible after one or two years to study in high school classes ?

(4) How many of the Lambani students are getting scholarships and how much ?

(5) Are the Government aware of the necessity of establishing Lambani free boarding hostels in each of the districts where Lambani population is large ?

(6) If so, such hostels may be opened and facilities created for Lambani students to study.

(7) What is the population of Lambani children who have not been going to schools, though eligible ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—56. (1) No census is taken of children of school age. The Lambani population of the State is 45,740. Taking the school-going population at 15 per cent of the total population, the number of Lambani children of school age would be about 6,860.

(2) Information regarding strength in different classes is not collected by communities. There were 27 Primary Schools specially for Lambani boys on 31st March 1928, and the number of boys and girls in the different classes of these schools was as follows:—

	Boys	Girls
IV Year Class	.. 19	..
III Year Class	.. 63	..
II Year Class	.. 82	8
I Year Class	.. 398	32
Total	.. 562	40

(3) It is not possible to give an exact figure. From the information furnished in the answer to No. 2, it could be roughly surmised that about 50 pupils would become eligible for admission to High Schools in the course of a year or two.

(4) 11 pupils in the Middle School classes and 30 in the Primary classes were in receipt of scholarships during 1927-28 at the rates noted below:—

6	pupils were getting	..	Rs. 5 each
5	do	do ..	,, 3 each
11	do	do ..	,, 2 each
19	do	do ..	Re. 0-8-0 (Of these 4 were girls.)

(5) and (6) It is not considered necessary to open free boarding hostels for pupils of the community.

(7) The total number of Lambani children of school-going age has been given in answer to No. (1). The number of Lambani children in general schools is not available at present. The answer to this question cannot therefore be given.

MR. JATRA NAIK (Minority Interest).—

Q.—57. (1) What would be the loss to Government if toddy shops are abolished, giving date groves for cocoanut cultivation ?